

REMARKS

Summary Of The Office Action & Formalities

Claims 1-10 and 12-20 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant is amending claims 1, 16, 19, and 20, and adding new claims 21 and 22. No new matter is added.

Enclosed is an Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter with fee for one additional dependent claim.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for entering Applicant's submission filed on March 15, 2005.

The prior art rejections are summarized as follows:

1. Claims 1-4, 9 and 12-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Feingold et al. (USP 5,772,666).

2. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feingold et al. (USP 5,772,666), as applied to claim 1, in view of Blake (USP 6,280,449).

3. Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feingold et al. (USP 5,772,666), as applied to claim 1, in view of Lane (USP 5,964,736).

4. Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feingold et al. (USP 5,772,666), as applied to claim 1, in view of Figueroa et al. (USP 5,873,879) and Lane (USP 5,964,736).

5. Claims 1-4, 9 and 12-18 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 15, 20, 22 and 23 of copending Application No. 10/471,888.

6. Claim 5 is provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 5 of copending Application No. 10/471,888 ('888 herein) in view of Blake (USP 6,280,449).

7. Claims 7 and 8 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 2 of copending Application No. 10/471,888 ('888 herein) in view of Figueroa et al. (USP 5,873,879) and Lane (USP 5,964,736).

Claims 6, 10, 19 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

While Applicant continues to disagree with the grounds of rejection, in order to expedite issuance of a patent, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 16 to include the features of claims 19 and 20, respectively, thereby placing these claims and their dependent claims in condition for allowance. Applicant also added new claims 21 and 22, which recite that "the fingers are brought together such that the lens cannot be trapped between the fingers." Therefore, based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, claims 21 and 22 are also in condition for allowance.

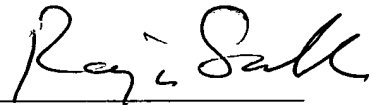
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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